



Oklahoma opens

By Katelyn Eichelberger
Senior Campus News Editor

Friday is the last day to W

Friday, March 16, is the final day to withdraw from an individual class. Students can withdraw from a class in MIX/STAR. Students are advised before withdrawing to consult with the class instructor and their academic adviser. A W grade does not affect GPA; however, a W grade does reduce the total number of credit hours earned for the semester.

Preregistration begins soon

Preregistration for Honors Program students and Promise Scholars begins Tuesday, March 20. General registration for all other students begins the Tuesday after Spring Recess. See your academic adviser for your term PIN and registration advice.

Kindle Fire giveaway today

Win an Amazon Kindle Fire or a set of SkullCandy Skullcrushers Headphones! Just come to the Commuter Social in the Loft today or the Café tomorrow (from 12-1:30 p.m. both days) to enter for your chance to win prizes and get some free Safe Spring Break giveaways and information.

Graduation apps accepted

Students anticipating graduation in May should obtain applications in the Academic Affairs Office or from the PSC Web site. Complete the student portion of the application and submit it to your academic adviser. Once advisers complete their portion, the student should take the application to Dean Wilmes' office, due by Monday after Spring Recess.

Cat softball home Tuesday

The Lady Catamount softball team opens its season Saturday at the Community College of Beaver County for what Coach Jim Walton calls a competitive game. The ladies open at home Tuesday and Wednesday with 3 p.m. games against Frederick and CCAC-South. Walton returns five players on a roster of 12. He says the team has been working hard, indoors and with the coming of nice weather, outdoors as well.

Transferring to WVU?

WVU pre-registration for PSC change of campus students is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Davis Conference Center. WVU will be bringing a team of academic advisers to work with Potomac State students who are admitted to WVU for the summer or fall 2012 terms. Students have received information through MIX about this event and WVU also sends a letter to current PSC students who are admitted at Morgantown for upcoming terms. Students who are not currently admitted at WVU need to submit the Change of Campus form (available at the college Web site) to WVU by March 19 to participate in this event.

To anyone who enjoys a great show with exemplary music, dynamic fight scenes, and a classic American love story, Potomac State College's "Oklahoma" will not cease to amaze.

"Oklahoma" opens tomorrow at the Church-McKee Arts Center. Tickets are free to students, even if they would like to go to every show, courtesy of SGA.

General admissions tickets are available at the door. The cost is \$13 for adults and \$11 for students (other than PSC). There is seating in a special reserved section of the theater for \$15.

Advanced tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students, available in Keyser and outlying towns.

The musical takes place in the 1906 Oklahoma territory and follows the love story of Curly (Alex McDonald), a love-struck cowboy, and Laurey (Kim Rowley), a stubborn farmer's daughter who is reluctant to let herself fall for Curley. But things go awry when Laurey's menacing farmhand, Jud (Tim Day), tries to take Laurey and kill Curley.

"Oklahoma" is about the founding of the state of Oklahoma," says Dr. Hawkins, producer of theater productions. "It was

PSC's Spring Musical
OKLAHOMA
Free to students with PSC ID
Church-McKee Arts Center
Thursday-Saturday night shows
March 15-17 at 7:30
March 22-24 at 7:30
Sunday shows (March 18,25) at 2:30 p.m.



The Oklahoma cast is ready to charm you. Alex McDonald and Kim Rowley fall in love (left). Tim Day, Lura Thompson, and John Campbell add to the action and song. Photos by PSC Public Relations



originally Indian territory just after the turn of the century."

Once pioneers moved West, competing water rights between farmers and cowmen became a big issue for territories such as Oklahoma, said Hawkins.

And the stage is already set. With a deep blue sky

and an old log cabin across from a cornfield, the stage represents the 1906 Oklahoma territory. Tom Valentine, director for the show, is proud of how fast things are moving.

"...Everything is falling into place," says Valentine. "We're way ahead of schedule."

Valentine is playing a double role, as director and a character in the play, the peddler man.

"It's tough," Valentine says. This is his first time acting and directing at the same time for Potomac State. "It's awkward casting yourself."

Alex McDonald, a student at Potomac State, is playing the male lead of Curly. The show is very sentimental to him. "It's the first musical I ever fell in love with," McDonald said. After watching his



Curley and Jud fight for Laurey's love.

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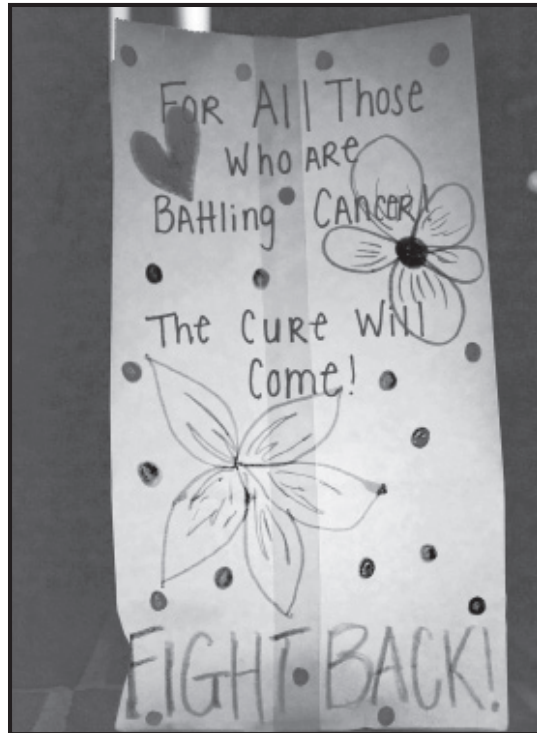
Relay For Life is April 19 on quad

By Charles Walker
Editor

PSC will be hosting its sixth annual Relay for Life on Thursday, April 19, on the quad, to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is an annual, overnight, relay-style event to spread awareness and support for the American Cancer Society. This event gives the community a chance to “celebrate the lives of people who have battled and beat cancer, remember loved ones lost, and offer support to fight back against the disease,” said Associate Professor Deanna Armentrout, faculty coordinator of Relay for Life.

PSC’s Relay is unique as it is the only American Cancer Society supported event that includes all of our campus – students, faculty, staff, and family members.



on Friday. Participants are encouraged to stay the entire time.

The event is fun and community-oriented, say organizers. Food, games, and activities provide entertainment and fundraising opportunities.

Everyone should schedule time in their busy schedule for this important event because universities generate the most revenue for the American Cancer Society, said organizers.

In fact, Potomac State College won “most donations per capita,” meaning highest average donation per student. “Potomac State College had average of \$7.92 per student, beating WVU main campus per capita,” said Matt Schessler, student organizer for Relay.

Teams of participants from dorms, clubs and staff, and the local community, will camp out around the quad, beginning with a Thursday afternoon setup.

Team members take turns walking a designated lap around the quad into the night and until the official ending time: 6 a.m.



UR really reading that CH?

Photo and article
By Kate Sedgwick, Editor

I had a test in an hour. OK, get to the library. I placed my materials on the table: book, notebook, cell phone, notes. Three minutes into studying, my phone buzzed: text from Mom. I replied and continued studying: three pages down, thirty to go. Googled an unfamiliar word and realized I had yet to check Facebook. Ten minutes of Facebook chat; back to studying. Buzz... friend request notification, cool picture, OMG, fifteen minutes to class.

Does this scenario sound familiar? If so, you are not alone. Studies show that cell phones distract 89 percent of students during study hours and 77 percent of students during class. True at PSC? I headed to the Library to find out.

In one hour of observation, nine students studied at the library’s computers and seven students worked at tables. Of those seven, four had laptops and all but one had their cell phones beside them.

Why no cell phone? Was this guy from a different planet? Turns out, the phone was in his pocket the whole time, as he was editing an honors English paper. He said he “normally would look at it,” but due to the importance of the paper, he resisted.

Another student, surrounded by an iPad, books, and a cell phone, used the iPad and cell phone many times, but barely touched his books. This student came to the library to study for a physics test he had in two days, which he rated an 8 on a 1-to-10 scale of

importance. He used his iPad for a calculator, but also for Facebook, and the App Store; the phone – texting. “I can turn it off, but I don’t,” but he had deleted his Facebook account for a few months due to the distraction.

Another student sitting at a computer shifted between a paragraph on screen and Facebook, while using his phone. Minutes passed, the paragraph had not been touched and he headed out of the library to take a call. When I walked over to request an interview, he said: “I’m kind of busy,” and pointed to the computer screen he hadn’t touched. I tried again, he gave in, but I’m put on hold as he took another call, concerning Facebook. Turns out, he was working on an assignment due in 55 minutes.

When asked how many times he thought he had used his phone within the last 30 minutes, he said “maybe 5 times,” when actually it was 14 times for various durations. The student was using his phone for texting, Facebook, and calls, and the computer for his assignment and Facebook. When asked how much of a distraction his phone is to his schoolwork, he replied “not that big at all.”

Although students are aware of the distraction, they continue to let cell phones interrupt schoolwork. Sometimes, no matter how important an assignment is, the need to always be connected wins.

In 2009, a Stanford researcher came to the simple conclusion; “People who are regularly bom-

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Boxing Club fights bigger schools

By Aaron Cook
Sports Editor

Potomac State’s Boxing Club is in its second year, under the guidance of Coach Tom Hartman.

The season officially kicked off in September where Coach Hartman sparked the interest of Dion Mckewn.

“It’s a great experience and has conditioned me in the highest possible way, also teaching discipline,” says Mckewn who had no previous boxing experience before attending Potomac State but since has made tremendous strides.

“A lot of guys lose weight from conditioning or they put on muscle through the year,” said Hartman.

Mckewn will be competing in the Golden Gloves completion held in Ashland Kentucky on the weekend of March 30 along with fellow teammates Tony Shillenburger, Alec Peer and

Joshua Connor.

The Cats will compete against fighters from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Boxers will be competing in up to three fights on that weekend in nine different weight divisions, all depending on who registers in their weight class.

The club meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in an off-campus gym.

So far the team has competed in three different events this season.

The first event was held at Penn State University, the second at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, and the last at University of Maryland College Park.

“Being a junior college and our ability to stand with the big colleges says a lot about our fighters,” says Hartman. “I’m proud of how far everyone has come in their progression since starting the club.”

Coach Hartman has over 35 years of experience in boxing. Hartman started boxing at the age of 19 and finished at the age of 27.

He competed in the heavyweight division with a total of 36 total fights 33 win and 3 losses, with two Golden Glove championships.

In the event at Lock Haven, three fighters, Connor, Mckewn and Peer, competed.

The event was full of big school names including Penn State, Maryland, North Carolina, US Naval Academy and more.

The team earned a record of 2-1. The only loss came in a close match against Maryland.

“The team has come a long way this year and we’re training harder than ever now, putting in extra work while getting prepared for Golden Gloves,” said Hartman.

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Upward Bound seeking applicants

By Stephanie Wildman
Campus News Editor

Upward Bound is now taking applications for summer jobs.

Upward Bound is a program for high school students that will help them prepare them for college and graduate high school.

All program activities and services are free to participants. The program is in affect all year long.

Beginning in October until May, students in the program travel to the Potomac State campus on every other Saturday to take part in math, science, and English classes and workshops.

During the summer, the students get to experience the college first hand for six weeks. They live in the PSC residence halls, dine on campus, and learn in college labs and classrooms. Every week, field trips, service projects, and recreational activities are planned. Students go home on the weekends.

The program is looking for a female residence hall director. A bachelor's degree is required. Responsibilities include supervision of student participants in the hall and during on- and off-campus activities, planning and contributing in recreational activities, opening and closing the residence hall, maintaining records for the Summer Food Service Program, coordinating dorm staff duty schedules, and maintaining participant and program records. Salary

is \$3,100 plus room and board.

Another job opening is for a tutor counselor. Applicant must have accomplished sophomore standing at an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Responsibilities include daily tutorial assistance for students during evening or afternoon study halls, helping resident directors, acting as a chaperone on field trips, attending and contributing to staff meetings, and maintaining records of all student contact. Salary is \$2,100 plus room and board.

Staff training starts Monday, June 4, and ends Friday, June 8. Program start date is Sunday, June 10. Program ending date is Thursday, July 19.

Those interested should submit an application, a college transcript, and three letters of recommendation to the Upward Bound office, Potomac State College, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726 or to dean.greenawalt@mail.wvu.edu. Applications should be received by March 23.

For more information, contact program director DeAnn Greenawalt.



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their slaveholders didn't want. These creative recipes were passed down by word of mouth from generation to generation and they are still around today.

Campbell, a sophomore hospitality major, wanted to do something to recognize Black History Month. He worked with his hospitality teacher, Chef Thomas Vieli, to create what he hopes will be an ongoing event.

Another part of the program was the story of Aubrey Stewart, an African-American soldier who, at the age of 36, enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to fight in Europe during World War II.

Stewart was assigned to a segregated unit in the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion. After months of fighting and many casualties, they were 11 miles from the front line at the Battle of the Bulge.

Stewart and 10 other African-American soldiers broke away from the unit in order to reach American lines, where they ended up in Wereth, Belgium.

There, these 11 soldiers (known to the people of Belgium as the "Wereth Eleven") found safety in the home of Mathias Langer, a local farmer. Sadly, a Nazi supporter alerted the German SS to their presence.

The 11 soldiers were then taken to a field, beaten and killed by the German soldiers. Aubrey Stewart, along with the 10 other soldiers, is recognized today for their bravery by a memorial in Belgium, and with signs honoring Stewart in Piedmont, West Virginia, his hometown.

The Aubrey Stewart Project's main goal, said representatives at the dinner, is to create unity, to come together from different backgrounds, colors, and beliefs.

The group tells the story of Aubrey Stewart to show



that there can be forgiveness and that people from different backgrounds can put their differences aside and live together as one.

Music Professor John Hawkins presented information about another local African-American of note – trumpeter Don Redman.

Humans v. Zombies: battle to the death

By Cori Gregory
Campus News Editor

The infection is spreading to the campus of Potomac State College this week – an all-out battle between the humans and the zombies – with humans competing for life and zombies competing for flesh.

HvZ (Humans vs. Zombies) has been the highlight of the spring semester for three years and it's currently in its fourth game. For those who are unfamiliar with the game, it is not a freeforall. It is a well organized event moderated by the student activities committee.

The game is played on campuses all across the nation, with a similar set of rules to keep those who are not playing the game safe from any flesh eaters.

The rules cover everything from safe zones on campus to improper tag-

ging. No realistic weaponry is allowed and you must be a PSC student to play. The game lasts approximately a week.

The game works like this: everyone must register online or in person by the required dates and must attend one of the two meetings held in the loft. Once everyone is registered, there is a raffle to find out who the two Original Zombies (OZ) will be. These OZs are chosen by the moderators: Aaron Outman, Jeremy Kaler and Matt Alzamora.

"We pick people who have play ability," said Outman when asked how the OZs are selected.

The OZs are the humans "carrying the disease" and are the players who spread the disease. The catch is, no one knows who these people are at the start of the game.

The moderators design the missions taking "inspiration from everything," including comic books, movies and video games. These missions could take anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours depending on the skill level of the players.

When asked if he had any advice for the humans this week, Outman replied, "The best human is one with the bag of socks and no gun."

HvZ is a creative and exciting event that many students look forward to. It's based on a set of rules that are subject to change as directed by the moderators in order to keep the players safe.

As you finish your week, keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and as you're walking to class remember, you're in the middle of a war.

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said. After watching his kindergarten teacher perform in a show, he was inspired to go into acting.

McDonald uses a southern charm accent for his character. When he talks to Jud in the first Act, he is inspired by a southern preacher.

"I'm picking the dialect up in my life," says McDonald. And even when McDonald steps out of character during practice, he keeps the accent.

Hawkins, who has done shows for Potomac State for 15 years, is always excited to put the "Wow!" factor into each show. This year not only is he modernizing the show, but there will also be a horse on stage.

"We've kind of become known for doing things that other groups won't, can't, and refuse to do," Hawkins said. "We always try to do something different."

The modernization is in most of the dances and dialogue. "We wanted more multi-faceted characters," Hawkins said. One character difference is that the antagonist, Jud, is not made to be a completely bad guy.

And the horse, Red, is from the horse stables on campus. He always arrives to the stage on time.

Valentine has worked with a horse on stage before and says it's always interesting to see how people react. "People remember the horse," says Valentine, "but not me."

The cast consists of 28 people. Hawkins says that by the time the show opens tomorrow there will be more than 75 people working on the set, playing the music, and doing other jobs in support of the production.

Students help Habitat during Spring Recess

By Kayla Wolford
Campus News Editor

Imagine a Vietnam veteran living in a house that is as aged and abused as he is. The roof needs to be replaced, the kitchen needs to be redone and the walls could use a fresh coat of paint. If he were able-bodied enough, he would make the repairs own his own, but he can barely get around as it is.

Now, imagine a group of strangers volunteering their spring break to fix up the home. Four days – that's all the time it took to change this man's life.

This is PSC's Campus and Community Ministries Club's mission.

Their latest adventure is to Exmore, Va., where they will work with Habitat for Humanity to build a home. The 21-member team leaves Sunday of Spring Break for Exmore Va., and will return the following Saturday afternoon.

The foundation on the home has already been built, so McCune anticipates that they will be framing.

"It's my favorite thing to do because you see it take shape," McCune explains.

The team will work 9 to 4 all week, with the exception of Wednesday, when they will take off for Chincoteague Island to relax and have fun.

The trip originally costs \$125 a person, but after fundraisers, it evened out to \$75 per person. This money goes toward groceries and building supplies for the home. Whatever the donations from the volunteers didn't cover is what the prospective homeowner will make payments on – without interest.

They are arranged to sleep at Johnson's United Methodist Church, and will shower in the evenings at the local YMCA.

While McCune seems genuinely excited for this trip, he notes that they will not know who the family is that they are helping until they arrive in Exmore. One of the requirements of becoming a homeowner

through Habitat is that you complete so many hours of labor on your home, so the team anticipates meeting them at the site.

"You know that what you're doing is going to help their future," McCune admonishes.

Since 2003, the club has volunteered time to help others, either locally, away from Keyser.

A few of their local accomplishments are as follows: building a wheelchair ramp for a family; building shelves for a used clothing store and helping make apple butter for Burlington's Apple Harvest. Last year CCM painted the Burlington Children's Home for MLK Jr. Day.

Additionally, they have taken Spring Break trips to help families in need. The club has arranged trips through Housing Partnerships, flood relief projects, Catholic charities and Habitat for Humanity.

Their trip last spring break was to Williamsburg, Va., where they helped the Vietnam veteran mentioned above. It was their first time working with Housing Partnerships, a group that they heard of through West Virginia University's main campus, but the Club's director, James McCune is certain that they will work with them again.

Two years previous, they worked through Catholic charities, and traveled to Gilbert, WV., to build porches, decks, and redo insulation after the Mother's day flood washed everything out. The town was rural and impoverished; there wasn't much to do. It was a group of 16 to 18 students and adults. McCune says that this is one of his favorite trips because, "they knew going there wasn't going to be a thrill going in."

McCune has been volunteering for many organizations for over 23 years, and will continue to do so. The Campus and Community Ministries Club is always welcoming new members, and is as driven to help others as McCune.

Potomac State College celebrates 111 years



By Emily Jackson
Campus News Editor

Potomac State College recently celebrated its 111th birthday. Students and staff celebrated by gathering in the hall of Administration Building to eat cake and talk about the college.

On Feb. 15, 1901 Potomac State College was formed as Keyser Preparatory Branch of West Virginia University, to fill a concern for quality secondary education in the area. Sixteen acres of land, known as Fort Fuller, was donated by Colonel Thomas B. Davis. This fort was imperative to keep open roads during the Civil War to allow the Union control of the B&O Railroad according to The College History Series by Professor Emerita Dinah W. Courier.

Keyser Preparatory Branch of the West Virginia University opened its doors to students in October of 1902. The school consisted of the Administration Building, which held classrooms, offices, the library, and the gymnasium. Female students lived in approved local homes, while male students stayed in a local hotel.

The grading scale was from 90-105, 90 percent being failure and 105 percent being perfect. If students made less than 95 percent they couldn't be in the company of the opposite sex or be involved in any games. Alcohol was strictly prohibited – and cause for immediate dismissal, smoking in excess was discouraged, and all students had to be in

rooms by 7 p.m. to do their work.

In 1915, Joseph Stayman, the principal, recommended that studies continue in commercial subjects; however, agricultural, industrial, and vocational departments were added. The Administration Building burned down in 1917 and operations were moved into Davis Hall, which had recently been built. In 1919, 125 acres of land were purchased for the agricultural program.

Potomac State College has been educating students for 111 years, through crisis, and name change, increase and decrease in enrollment due to war, and increase again, from a small preparatory school with a graduating class of four and a hand-

ful of courses, to junior college, to branch college, to Potomac State College of WVU, to continuous accreditation since 1926, a large offering of Associates of Arts degrees and Associate of Applied Science degrees and now two bachelor's degree programs, with 211 students graduating last May with associate's and bachelor's degrees.

Daniel Webster said in a Supreme Court defense of another college "It is, Sir, as I have said, a small college, yet there are those who love it." Potomac State alumni cite for their love of the college its "smallness—smallness that nurtures a sense of belonging and of family...and facilitates a formation of lifelong friendships," as quoted in the introduction of Courier's book about Potomac State.



Diversity Forum in Davis tonight

By Cody Hickey, Senior Campus News Editor

"Is PSC's climate diverse for you? What can happen to make us more unified?"

The Social Justice Council at Potomac State College will be sponsoring an open forum to discuss diversity issues facing the campus tonight, March 14, in the Davis Conference Center. The forum, titled, "Bridging the Gap of Diversity: A Conversation about your Issues, Questions, and Concerns" will be led by Assistant Professor Mollie Ravenscroft, Social Justice Liaison.

This will be a campus-wide discussion on diversity issues such as race, religion, sexual orientation and more. All members of the campus community including students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

The goal of the Social Justice Council at PSC "encompasses the legal and moral obligations to promote opportunity, equality, civility, and respect for all people."

Free food, including wings, will be available at the forum, provided by the hospitality program students and paid for by Faculty Service Committee.

Great Danes teach life lessons

By Cori Gregory
Campus News Editor

Carol Ann Fox lives on a quiet mountaintop just outside Front Royal, Va., with her two Great Danes. But on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Fox fires up her Ford Escape for the two-hour commute to Keyser to teach speech classes in the Church-McKee Arts Center.

Fox has been teaching at PSC since the fall semester of 2005, every semester except one. She is an adjunct (part-time) instructor of two Communication 104 courses and an online 400-level business course.

She is also a certified professional life coach. In 2008 she took a year of classes to earn certification. She now has clients from all over with whom she communicates mostly on the phone.

Fox worked for the Humane Society in Warren, Va., spending 13 months as the executive director. "If you love animals, working at a Humane Society is very difficult," said Fox.

She says that the job was "very emotional" and that is why she left in July of 2011 to come back to PSC.

Fox has had many jobs, mostly involving public relations. "I think it's great to earn a living learning about things and then telling people," said Fox when asked about her work in journalism. "I needed new things to stimulate my mind."

Ten years of her life was spent in Vienna, Austria, and Amsterdam. Fox sold most of her belongings, including her car to the friend who then drove her to the airport. When asked what she was thinking when making this decision, Fox answered, "Why not?" Her philosophy is, "If you have the opportunity and the ability to do it, then do it." She "did not want to regret."

She taught English in Austria for a year and worked for Nike for nine years. Originally, adventuring abroad to Europe was simply to visit a friend. However, after just a few months Fox says she

"fell in love with it," and Europe became her home for 10 years. "I moved to Europe because I wanted a challenge."

Fox is known in her communications classes for her two Great Danes, Virginia Isabella and Jambalaya. After living on a farm for six months and taking walks, Fox thought to herself, "Gosh I need a dog!" With her love of big dogs in mind, on June 9, 2005, she got her first Great Dane, Virginia Isabella, Bella for short.

In 2008, she realized Bella really needed a dog her size and it needed to be a male. Fox contacted a rescue group and found a male. She named him Jambalaya, Jam for short.

He had been abused and he was afraid of everything. She called him a "hot mess." He was about two years old when she got him. It took him almost a year to get used to the home as well as Fox and Bella.

Fox says that she "learned so much from her dogs."

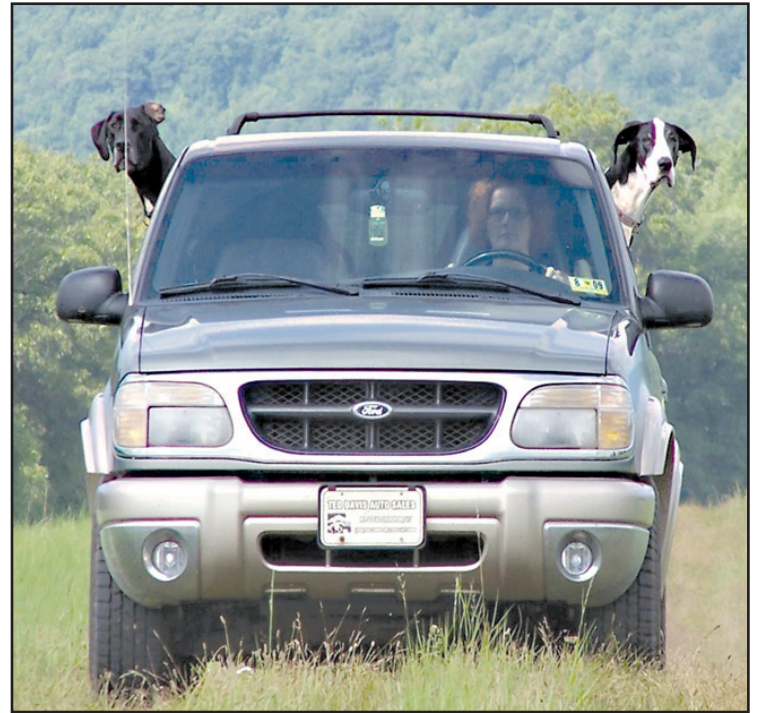
From Bella, Fox said "I learned how to stop and appreciate everything." She said Bella taught her to relax and live in the moment.

Jam, however, was a different story. "He really needed me to be his alpha leader," Fox said. Jam taught her that you have to "allow things to evolve in their own time."

After reading all of this you may be thinking why PSC?

"I returned to Potomac State because I feel appreciated here and believe that I make a difference. I realize I live far away, but I still have strong connections to West Virginia and coming here allows me to visit my former home and enjoy the farm with my dogs on a regular basis." Fox used to live on a mountaintop near Keyser.

Potomac State College is bursting with a variety of teachers and students, all coming from different places. Carol Ann Fox



Talk about backseat drivers...

commutes two hours with the hope of having a twice a week to teach a lasting impression on her communications course, students.

Darlene Williams featured in Oklahoma dance numbers

By Cindy Ellifritz
Campus News Editor

Darlene Williams is a 20-year-old sophomore occupational therapy major. She was originally from New Jersey but has lived in Keyser with her parents for about eight years.

She is a featured dancer in this year's spring musical Oklahoma. She started dancing when she was 5 and has danced at many different places. Her favorite kind of dance is ballet, but she also enjoys jazz, tap, and hip hop. Williams said, "I've always wanted to dance so eventually my parents put me in ballet classes and I fell in love with it."

Oklahoma is her second musical; she also was in My Fair Lady last spring. "The musical has a lot of fun dance numbers. I think



people will enjoy the show very much," said Williams.

She plans to continue doing shows, as long as she is attending PSC. Williams said, "My favorite part of the show is learning new dances and meeting new people."

Her goals for the future are to finish her degree in occupational therapy, study message therapy, and get a job in those two areas. Williams also enjoys other hobbies besides dance, including cheerleading, track, and gymnastics.

Hailey Lovell dances and sings in PSC's Oklahoma

By Brittany Biddle
Campus News Editor

Hailey Lovell, a current freshman and political science major here at PSC, is a very talented dancer and singer. She has been dancing from ballet to jazz, modern dance, tap, and even hip-hop since she was seven years old.

"Singing came naturally; I wrote songs while growing up and rounded myself out in piano and violin; however my voice remains my favorite instrument," Hailey said.

She attended Battlefield High School in the suburban town of Haymarket, Va. All her four years of high school, she auditioned to be in the highest chorus ensembles and also took four theatre classes.

"Audition-only classes are something I'm highly proud of," she said.



She is trained in vocal performance which is training of the voice to work for hours at a time and to project out on stage. She is also trained in acapella performance, although her heart is taken by Jazz vocals where her voice is best shown off.

She enjoys singing R&B and is in love with multiple types of dances. After she gets her degree, she will be transferring into pre-law with a concentration in foreign affairs and will also be able to minor in musical theatre. Look for her amazing talent in the upcoming show, Oklahoma!

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barded with several streams of electronic information do not pay attention, control their memory or switch from one job to another as well as those who prefer to complete one task at a time."

So if you are one of the many students who prefer to keep your cell phone at your finger tips while studying for that next-hour test or that paper due in English class, know this: U'd b better off 2 put it down, k?

Baseball doubleheaders set for Golden Park Saturday, Sunday

By Marshall Porter
Sports Editor

The Potomac State Catamount baseball team is off to a shaky start. After dropping four games on their season-opening trip to South Carolina, the Cats have posted a 5-3 record in their latest eight games.

Assistant Coach Don Schafer says there is still

more time for the Cats to get back on track and make a run at the JUCO World Series again. "It's early," Schafer said. "We try to make the first part of our schedule very difficult to prepare us for the later parts of the season."

Bright spots for the Cats included infielders T.J. Weisenburg and Jake Potter, and outfielder Zach Stolipher, said Schafer.

The Cats will look to pick up a pair of wins tonight at Cecil College in a doubleheader; the Cats also will host Mercyhurst NE at Golden Park for a two-day doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

Baseball will also be played at home on the weekend leading to Spring Recess, with a doubleheader Saturday against Niagara County Community College at 1 p.m. and a Sunday doubleheader against local rival Garrett College at 1 p.m.



PSC baseball in action. Pictured left, #31 Zach Markel connects. Above, #44 Devin Bowles pitches in early season action. Conference on the mound, pictured above/right, Head Coach Doug Little calms down his pitcher. The Catamounts have doubleheaders at home this weekend and next weekend.



Men end season at 17-12

By Aaron Cook
Sports Editor

"I would consider this year a success because of the overall team chemistry. Unlike, last season the team spent more time together off the court instead of splitting into our own separate groups," says sophomore Jerel Wright when asked about the Catamount basketball team continuity.



After a year full of ups and downs, the Cats finished the season at 17-12.

The Cats ended the season with a loss in the semifinals of the Region XX Tournament to Cecil, 81-60. Jaron Farrell was named to the all-tournament team. The Cats had won their first game against Southern Maryland, 75-70.

"I am very pleased with where we ended up from start to finish," said Farrell.

Through the season, the team has overcome injuries and the loss of players.

"I don't like to lose any player during the course of the season, but it's common for players to leave throughout the year," said Head Coach Shawn White.

Sophomores Carlton Johnson, Jerel Wright and Darren Graham leave the team after a successful two-year run. White stated

that he "enjoyed all three players in their respective two-year run"

"I'll miss being out there on the court with the team," said Graham. To sum it up it was a "successful season with a disappointing end."

None of the teams' losses were big losses and the loss of so many players "changed the dynamics of the team."

Wright will be looking forward to attending Frostburg State University, while Johnson is yet to commit.

The Cats ended the regular season with a win against Chesapeake Community College at home that went down to the wire, 88-86. A steal by Drake and a last-minute heave at the basket by Johnson won the game. Drake, who played at Morgantown High, said that he just goes out there and plays aggressively.

Lady Cats win WPCC

By Star Harris, Sports Editor

PSC's women's basketball team entered the WPCC Tournament as the second seed after losing a 56-55 decision to the Wolfpack on Feb. 8. The win at the buzzer over PSC earned Westmoreland County Community College the top seed in the tourney.

However, Lady Cats came out on top in the championship game against Westmoreland, with a convincing 61-49 win.

It's no surprise captain Ashley Hines finished the game strong, pouring in 25 points and snagging 17 boards. Freshman Ali St. Van cashed in 18 points, including all four of PSC's three-pointers. Danielle Freeman finished the game with 10 points.

"Winning the WPCC championship was a great way to end the season," says Hines. The win marks the sixth WPCC title in eight years for the Lady Cats.

Lady Cats fell short in their final two games to Chesapeake and Cecil. The ladies ended the season with a 13-10 record.

Head Coach Jim Walton characterized the season as one of ups and downs. "The big highlight was that we won our conference," he said.

However, the team dropped two of three games at the end of the season and didn't qualify for the Region XX Tournament.

St. Van sets up a play and (below) Hines drives



Odell Hall for the win

Potomac State College has been affiliated with WVU since it was “Keyser Preparatory School” in 1901. In 2005, Potomac State became fully integrated with WVU. Since then, a parking lot next to Lough Gymnasium turned into University Place in 2007. In a few short months we will have another residence hall. (Or should I say residence place?) The old Keyser hospital will be converted into “Catamount Place.” I think it is great that Potomac State is adding another dorm for the growing student body; however, I do not understand why the new dorm should be named Catamount Place.

Many of the buildings have been named after someone important to the college. Davis Hall was named after Colonel Davis who donated land for the college. Lough Gymnasium was named after Coach Lough who is remembered as a “legendary” coach. Memorial Hall was named in honor of Potomac State students who served in World War II.

Yes, we are the Catamounts, but what about naming the new residence hall after the person who took charge during the integration with WVU, who added four-year programs to the school, and who will be retiring at the end of this school year? I am talking about our provost, Dr. Kerry Odell. With Dr. Odell’s leadership, the college has hit record enrollment and refocused its mission to serve students.

Why settle for “Catamount Place,” another generic name brought to us by the WVU Board of Governors?

Potomac State College has a vast and wonderful history. A lot of that history is collected in the Mary F. Shipper Library (named after a former librarian), in the pictures of old performances in Church-McKee (named after a former President and Dean), and on the athletic fields of Stayman Field (a former president) and Golden Park (a contributor).

Dr. Odell started a new chapter of history for Potomac State, and I think he deserves to have the residence hall named after him.

Katelyn Eichelberger

Life after Spring Break

Spring Break begins in nine days: a week to sleep, work, travel, help others, catch up with schoolwork, or even get ahead. Sweet. We return to classes just after April Fool’s Day, but that’s no joke -- the semester soon spins into finals in the final four weeks. April Madness. You can envision the tests, papers, lab reports, projects, speeches and presentations due... So, enjoy the time off and remember, mixed in with Spring Fever and saying goodbye, the end-of-year hustle hits hard, soon.

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Our Opinions

Enemies are the nicest

The first night of HvZ (Humans v. Zombies) was cold and quiet, which was unusual for the bustling campus. My team was made up of soccer players and a lot of them had played before. I can’t say I was much help. I kind of just stood behind people and used the nerf gun to look cool. I only shot it once throughout the entire week, in the air.

Anyways, trying to stay alive throughout the week was more of a challenge than the missions. Some of the people playing stood outside

your classes, waited for you to get out and then ambushed you. Being

a girl, I was a prime target. I managed to stay alive most of the week. It wasn’t easy.

I took the long way to class and was always

late. I was on edge and I almost never left University Place or even my room.

It was a Thursday morning, the weather was nice and the campus was quiet. It was the day before the last mission and I was sneaking my way to Science Hall when suddenly, something didn’t feel right. It was quiet ... too quiet.

I hid between Memorial and Davis. Just as I made my move toward Science Hall, a swarm of zombies came running at me from all directions. I was positive I was done for! I dropped everything: my gun, my books and I ran so fast I thought I was going to lose my shoes. I got to the door of Science Hall and there was a kid on crutches holding the door open for me. I guess he knew what was going on. I ran to the door and just as I said, “Thank you,” he reached out and put his hand on my shoulder. Smiling he said, “You’re very welcome!” I looked down only to see he had a red bandana. Turns out he was a zombie. My human days were over. My HvZ week last year at Potomac State College ended early with disappointment and embarrassment, but I’m playing again this year.

Cori Gregory



Snubbed by the Big East

I used to love the Big East with a passion, but now I can say I am glad West Virginia is leaving the conference. I understand we have feuded with the conference over legal issues involved with moving to the Big 12, but the Big East should not punish Mountaineer players for the actions of their school. The thing I want to know is why would a conference snub an athlete who works with all his heart and strength

to become the elite player in his conference?

When Kevin Jones did not receive Big East player of the year, I cannot say I was surprised. Jones averages three more in both points and rebounds than Big East player of the year Jae Crowder from Marquette. Do not get me

wrong. Jae Crowder is a great player and deserves recognition, but he was not even the leading scorer on his own team.

Jones averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds, leading the conference in both categories, a feat accomplished only two other times in the history of the Big East. Each time this accomplishment occurred, the player was awarded Player of the Year, until this year.

I think the Big East is punishing WVU’s athletes for their university’s decision to leave for a better conference. Why else should this terrific senior player on a freshman-dominated team be overlooked?

Also, look at the Big East’s football player of the year. Geno Smith did not receive the award after having a stellar and proficient season throwing for 4,385 yards, 31 touchdowns and only 7 interceptions. WVU carried the Big East in football and this is the thanks we get? I hope I am wrong, but I really cannot see another reason for the snub.

As for West Virginia, the future is bright with or without a few extra accolades. Bring on the Big 12, goodbye Big East, and thanks for the memories.

Marshall Porter





Soul Food cooked for Black History Month

Article and photos by Elisha Wagoner, Staff Writer

It may seem like an odd combination – soul food and 1944 soldiers – but the men from the Aubrey Stewart Project, PSC student John Campbell, and the tourism and hospitality program at PSC made it happen at a Black History Month program, Feb. 23, at the hospitality class kitchen.

The history of a World War II hero, recognition of a local African-American musician, and a soul food meal prepared by the hospitality students were presented to guests, faculty and staff.

“Sledge-itis was a way slaves got pigs from slave holders,” explained John Campbell, talking about the history of soul food. Slaves would tell the slaveholders that the pigs had a made-up disease, in order to have the pigs for their own meals.

Also, many slave meals consisted of leftovers that

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What are you listening to right now?

Interviews by Charles Walker; photos by Kate Sedgwick

STUDENT SPEAK



----- Katauna Blacka
Artist: Big K.R.I.T
Song: Forever and a Day
Favorite Artist: System of a Down



Michael Deetz ----->
Artist: Chris Brown
Song: Strip
Favorite Artist: Drake



<----- Kelli Sullivan
Artist: Usher
Song: Moving mountains
Favorite Artist: The Weekend

Justin McKenzie ----->
Artist: Childish Gambino
Song: Bonfire
Favorite Artist: Led Zeppelin



<----- Fabio Arcelay
Artist: Jay Z and Kanye West
Song: Niggas in Paris
Favorite Artist: Nejoy Dalmata

CAMPUS NEWS

Upward Bound seeking applicants

By Stephanie Wildman
Campus News Editor

Upward Bound is now taking applications for summer jobs.

Upward Bound is a program for high school students that will help them prepare them for college and graduate high school.

All program activities and services are free to participants. The program is in affect all year long.

Beginning in October until May, students in the program travel to the Potomac State campus on every other Saturday to take part in math, science, and English classes and workshops.

During the summer, the students get to experience the college first hand for six weeks. They live in the PSC residence halls, dine on campus, and learn in college labs and classrooms. Every week, field trips, service projects, and recreational activities are planned. Students go home on the weekends.

The program is looking for a female residence hall director. A bachelor's degree is required. Responsibilities include supervision of student participants in the hall and during on- and off-campus activities, planning and contributing in recreational activities, opening and closing the residence hall, maintaining records for the Summer Food Service Program, coordinating dorm staff duty schedules, and maintaining participant and program records. Salary

is \$3,100 plus room and board.

Another job opening is for a tutor counselor. Applicant must have accomplished sophomore standing at an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Responsibilities include daily tutorial assistance for students during evening or afternoon study halls, helping resident directors, acting as a chaperone on field trips, attending and contributing to staff meetings, and maintaining records of all student contact. Salary is \$2,100 plus room and board.

Staff training starts Monday, June 4, and ends Friday, June 8. Program start date is Sunday, June 10. Program ending date is Thursday, July 19.

Those interested should submit an application, a college transcript, and three letters of recommendation to the Upward Bound office, Potomac State College, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726 or to dean.greenawalt@mail.wvu.edu. Applications should be received by March 23.

For more information, contact program director DeAnn Greenawalt.



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their slaveholders didn't want. These creative recipes were passed down by word of mouth from generation to generation and they are still around today.

Campbell, a sophomore hospitality major, wanted to do something to recognize Black History Month. He worked with his hospitality teacher, Chef Thomas Vieli, to create what he hopes will be an ongoing event.

Another part of the program was the story of Aubrey Stewart, an African-American soldier who, at the age of 36, enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to fight in Europe during World War II.

Stewart was assigned to a segregated unit in the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion. After months of fighting and many casualties, they were 11 miles from the front line at the Battle of the Bulge.

Stewart and 10 other African-American soldiers broke away from the unit in order to reach American lines, where they ended up in Wereth, Belgium.

There, these 11 soldiers (known to the people of Belgium as the "Wereth Eleven") found safety in the home of Mathias Langer, a local farmer. Sadly, a Nazi supporter alerted the German SS to their presence.

The 11 soldiers were then taken to a field, beaten and killed by the German soldiers. Aubrey Stewart, along with the 10 other soldiers, is recognized today for their bravery by a memorial in Belgium, and with signs honoring Stewart in Piedmont, West Virginia, his hometown.

The Aubrey Stewart Project's main goal, said representatives at the dinner, is to create unity, to come together from different backgrounds, colors, and beliefs.

The group tells the story of Aubrey Stewart to show



that there can be forgiveness and that people from different backgrounds can put their differences aside and live together as one.

Music Professor John Hawkins presented information about another local African-American of note – trumpeter Don Redman.

Humans v. Zombies: battle to the death

By Cori Gregory
Campus News Editor

The infection is spreading to the campus of Potomac State College this week – an all-out battle between the humans and the zombies – with humans competing for life and zombies competing for flesh.

HvZ (Humans vs. Zombies) has been the highlight of the spring semester for three years and it's currently in its fourth game. For those who are unfamiliar with the game, it is not a freeforall. It is a well organized event moderated by the student activities committee.

The game is played on campuses all across the nation, with a similar set of rules to keep those who are not playing the game safe from any flesh eaters.

The rules cover everything from safe zones on campus to improper tag-

ging. No realistic weaponry is allowed and you must be a PSC student to play. The game lasts approximately a week.

The game works like this: everyone must register online or in person by the required dates and must attend one of the two meetings held in the loft. Once everyone is registered, there is a raffle to find out who the two Original Zombies (OZ) will be. These OZs are chosen by the moderators: Aaron Outman, Jeremy Kaler and Matt Alzamora.

"We pick people who have play ability," said Outman when asked how the OZs are selected.

The OZs are the humans "carrying the disease" and are the players who spread the disease. The catch is, no one knows who these people are at the start of the game.

The moderators design the missions taking "inspiration from everything," including comic books, movies and video games. These missions could take anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours depending on the skill level of the players.

When asked if he had any advice for the humans this week, Outman replied, "The best human is one with the bag of socks and no gun."

HvZ is a creative and exciting event that many students look forward to. It's based on a set of rules that are subject to change as directed by the moderators in order to keep the players safe.

As you finish your week, keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and as you're walking to class remember, you're in the middle of a war.

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said. After watching his kindergarten teacher perform in a show, he was inspired to go into acting.

McDonald uses a southern charm accent for his character. When he talks to Jud in the first Act, he is inspired by a southern preacher.

"I'm picking the dialect up in my life," says McDonald. And even when McDonald steps out of character during practice, he keeps the accent.

Hawkins, who has done shows for Potomac State for 15 years, is always excited to put the "Wow!" factor into each show. This year not only is he modernizing the show, but there will also be a horse on stage.

"We've kind of become known for doing things that other groups won't, can't, and refuse to do," Hawkins said. "We always try to do something different."

The modernization is in most of the dances and dialogue. "We wanted more multi-faceted characters," Hawkins said. One character difference is that the antagonist, Jud, is not made to be a completely bad guy.

And the horse, Red, is from the horse stables on campus. He always arrives to the stage on time.

Valentine has worked with a horse on stage before and says it's always interesting to see how people react. "People remember the horse," says Valentine, "but not me."

The cast consists of 28 people. Hawkins says that by the time the show opens tomorrow there will be more than 75 people working on the set, playing the music, and doing other jobs in support of the production.